

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
Minutes of April 9, 2010 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Derek Hussey established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Derek Hussey, Sharon Abrams, Sheila Thibodeau, and Terry Adams.

Others present: Torrey Gray, Board Administrator; Merica Tripp, Research and Planning Associate; Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk; and Robert Perkins, AAG.

Members Absent: Ann Marie Mullins and Karen Fatz.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of December 11, 2009 and February 12, 2010 Minutes

Sharon Abrams made a motion to approve the minutes for December 11, 2009. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Sheila Thibodeau)

Sharon Abrams made a motion to approve the minutes for February 12, 2010. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Sheila Thibodeau)

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Complaint Presentations

2008-SOC-4545

A complaint was filed against a social worker involving internet counseling.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to table the complaint and continue for investigation. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Sheila Thibodeau)

2010-SOC-6200

A complaint was filed against a social worker working at a nursing home.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint with letter of guidance to stay in the licensee's file for five years. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 opposed – Sheila Thibodeau)

2009-SOC-5932

A complaint was filed against a social worker working as a school counselor in a high school.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 2 in favor (1 opposed - Terry Adams) (1 recused – Sheila Thibodeau)

2009-SOC-5956

A complaint was filed against a social worker working as a school counselor in a high school.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

2 in favor (1 opposed - Terry Adams) (1 recused – Sheila Thibodeau)

2007-SOC-4040

A complaint was filed against a social worker alleging client abandonment.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sheila Thibodeau.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-5655

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to comply with continuing education requirements for their renewal.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to re-issue the consent agreement to include an additional 90 days for the licensee to complete their requirements. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams.

Vote: 4 in favor

B. Complaint Items

SW-423

No board action was taken – Torrey Gray will draft a letter to the licensee.

2008-SOC-4481

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to approve the quarterly reports. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-5660

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to approve the amended consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2008-SOC-4848

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to approve the amended consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Sheila Thibodeau.

Vote: 4 in favor

C. Application Review/Continuing Education Approvals

Acadia Hospital approved for 5.25 hours

AdCare Educational Institute approved for 3.25 contact hours

AdCare Educational Institute approved for 2.75 hours

AdCare Educational Institute approved for 11 contact hours

AdCare Educational Institute approved for 5.5 contact hours

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Disability Rights Center approved for 3 contact hours

Health Education and Training Institute approved for 6 contact hours

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Health Education and Training Institute approved for 5.5 contact hours
Hospice Volunteers approved for 5.5 contact hours
Keith Hansen approved for 1 contact hour
Maine College Health Association approved for 5 contact hours
Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency approved for 5 hours
Maine Medical center approved for 7 contact hours
Penobscot county Dual Diagnosis Collaborative approved for 11 contact hours
University of Maine approved for 6 contact hours
University of Maine approved for 5.75 contact hours
Youth and Family Services approved for 6 contact hours
Youth Suicide Prevention Program approved for 5.16 contact hours

D. Application

Gillian Bourassa

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to preliminarily deny the application. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 4 in favor

E. Correspondence

Rick Woodcock, LCSW – Torrey Gray to respond.

AMHC – Torrey Gray to respond.

F. Miscellaneous

Linda Boyce – Decision and Order

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to approve the Decision and Order. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

G. Administrator's Report

Torrey Gray informed the Board that the ASWB pre-approval for exams will include all levels, not just the clinical exam.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to allow Board staff to pre-approve applications for examination. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2010, in the Central Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley
Board Clerk